

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2010, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 10-17, and 19-22 are pending in the Application. Claims 1 and 19 are independent claims. Claims 20-21 are withdrawn.

The Office Action makes the Election/Restriction requirement of claims 20 and 21 final. In response claims 20 and 21 are withdrawn and are marked herein accordingly.

In the Office Action claims 1 and 6 are objected to for informalities. In response the objected to claims are amended as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 10-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. In response the claims are amended to correct the informalities noted by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejected claims are definite and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested that.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 4-6 and 9-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,933,960 to Avidor ("Avidor") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,442,840 to Zucker ("Zucker") and U.S. Patent No. 5,661,907 to Apprille, Jr. ("Apprille"). These rejections are respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the rejected claims are allowable over Avidor, Zucker, and Apprille for at least the following reasons.

The claims are amended to clarify their recitations. In particular, claim 1 recites a body, a device for stretching skin, a guard, and "a handle attached to the body at a location of a pivot axis for exerting pressure on the body, the location defining a force component resulting from the pressure distributed equally between the device and the guard".

In the Office Action, Avidor FIG. 17 is indicated for showing a force distribution of the above noted claim recitation, however it is respectfully submitted that reliance on this portion of Avidor or any portion for that matter is misplaced. The description of this figure in Avidor only states that "hinge 126 is replaced by a pivotal connection 132". It is respectfully submitted that this portion nor the rest of Avidor for that matter do not teach, disclose, or suggest the claimed force distribution.

It is undisputed that Avidor does not teach, disclose or suggest polarization "a force component resulting from the pressure distributed equally between the device and the guard." (See, Office Action, page 5 continuing to page 6.) Apprille is cited to provide that which is admitted missing from Avidor, however, it is respectfully submitted that reliance on Apprille is misplaced because it discusses distribution among the cutting edges not "the device and the guard", as recited in the claims.

Moreover, claims 12 and 19 recite the roller being "driven with a second rotational speed that is higher than a first rotational speed resulting from the first speed". It is respectfully submitted that this is not taught, disclosed, or suggested in the presented prior art references.

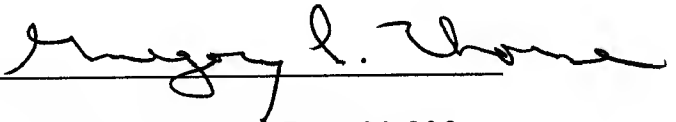
It is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Avidor, Zucker, and Apprille. For example, these references do not teach, disclose or suggest, a shaving head that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis added) "a handle attached to the body at a location of a pivot axis for exerting pressure on the body, the location defining a force component resulting from the pressure distributed equally between the device and the guard" as recited in claim 1, and as similarly recited in claim 19.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that the independent claims are patentable and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. The dependent claims respectively depend from one of the independent claims and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of the claims. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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